

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE  
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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, MOPS, LE, IS, PLO

SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON FIGHTING

REF: BEIRUT 5622

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF BEIRUT 5591 REFERRING TO ARTILLERY FIRING "BY BOTH SIDES" PRIOR TO NAHARIYA ROCKET ATTACKS WE CHECKED WITH UNTSO AND VERIFIED THAT NO REPEAT NO IDF FIRINGS REPORTED BY THEIR OBSERVERS DURING OCT. 5-6 UNTIL AFTER ROCKET ATTACKS. NOR DO WE HAVE ANY SUCH REPORTS FROM OTHER SOURCES. REFTEL (PARA. 2.A) REFERS TO DIRECT ISRAELI ARTILLERY SUPPORT TO LEBANESE CHRISTIANS IN NOV. 4-6 TIME FRAME. ONLY FIRINGS POSSIBLY RELEVANT OF WHICH WE KNOW WERE ISRAELI SINKING OF FISHING BOAT IN BORDER AREA, NIGHT NOV. 5-6, ALLEGEDLY IN REPLY TO FIRING BY BOAT; AND RETURN FIRE BY PATROL BOAT AGAINST PLO FIRING FROM ON SHORE, APPARENTLY IN SAME INCIDENT.

2. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO VERIFY THAT THERE WAS, IN FACT, ISRAELI ARTILLERY FIRE IN NOV. 5-6 BUILDUP TO ROCKET ATTACK, IF THAT IS THE CASE. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU

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